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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER

SESSION

REF: (A) GENEVA 11302 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 11316 (NOTAL)

1. PLANS FOR FIRST WEEK.

MISSION HAS DISCUSSED PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW) WITH CHAIRMAN JAZAIRY, COUNT YORK OF THE FRG (EC CHAIRMAN) AND OTHER DELEGATIONS. TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR FIRST WEEK SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

SEPTEMBER 4. COMMITTEE WILL MEET INFORMALLY TO RESUME GENEVA DISCUSSION (REF A) ON PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE'S WORK. SCHEDULE WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE: MEETING OF EC-9 DELEGATIONS AT 9 AM; MEETING OF "VINCI GROUP" (OECD MEMBERS) AT 10 OR 10:30; BEGINNING OF INFORMAL SESSION OF COW; 11:30 OR 12:00.

SEPTEMBER 5-6. DISCUSSION OF TRANSFER OF RESOURCES ITEM, BASED ON INFORMAL TEXT OF CHAIRMAN (REF B) AND COMMENTARIES RECEIVED (FROM US, EC-9, JAPAN, CANADA, SWITZERLAND AND G-77), WHICH WILL BE INFORMALLY CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT.

SEPTEMBER 7. BEGIN DISCUSSION OF TWO SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEMS (FOOD AND INDUSTRIALIZATION), EITHER CONSECUTIVELY OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PARALLEL (AS JAZAIRY SEEMS TO PREFER).

2. PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK. AS HE AMPLY DEMONSTRATED IN GENEVA, JAZAIRY HOLDS A STRONG BELIEF THAT THE PURPOSE AND THE NATURE OF THE COMMITTEE'S FUNCTION MUST BE CLARIFIED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ADVANCES FURTHER ON SUBSTANCE. INDEED, HE TOLD MISOFF HE CONSIDERED THIS DISCUSSION AS KEY TO THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE, AND URGED COOPER'S ATTENDANCE (SEE PARA 5, BELOW). IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH COUNT YORK, JAZAIRY SEEMED TO INDICATE SOME FLEXIBILITY; HE DID NOT STRESS "DECISION-MAKING POWER" ETC, BUT NOTED THAT "THERE MUST BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SITUATION AT BEGINNING OF COW TREATMENT OF AN ISSUE AND AT END." (IN THIS CONTEXT, HE NOTED THAT INCLUSION OF STATEMENTS IN HIS NON-PAPER WHICH WENT BEYOND MAY AGREEMENTS WAS QUITE INTENTIONAL.) WHILE HE REJECTED "THREE-TIER APPROACH (AGREE, DISAGREE, STUDY), HE NOTED THAT IN NEARLY ALL CASES WHERE NO AGREEMENT REACHED, COMMITTEE SHOULD INDICATE WHAT TO DO TO PROMOTE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING REAPPRAISAL. JAZAIRY NOTED TO YORK THAT NAM HAD ACCEPTED "CONCEPTUALIZATION" APPROACH, BUT YORK WAS NOT CLEAR IF THIS ALSO MEANT SOME SELECTIVITY OF TOPICS. IN HIS CONVERSATION

WITH MISOFF, JAZAIRY EXPRESSED DISTRESS THAT SEVERAL WESTERN COMMENTS ON HIS TRANSFER OF RESOURCES PAPER (E.G. EC-9, JAPAN) ALSO REVIVED ISSUE OF "CHAIRMAN'S TEXT," (AS OPPOSED TO AGREED CONCLUSIONS) WHICH HE BELIEVED HAD BEEN SET ASIDE. MISSION STRONGLY BELIEVES US SHOULD STICK WITH POSITION IN HORMATS LETTER, I.E. THAT YOUNG FORMULA "ENABLES THE COMMITTEE TO REACH CONCLUSIONS BUT DOES NOT PREJUDGE TYPE OF CONCLUSION TO BE REACHED WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL TOPICS" AND DISCOURAGE BACKSLIDING ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH JAZAIRY' SUMMARY AT CONCLUSION OF JULY 20 MEETING.

3. TRANSFER OF RESOURCES (TOR) ITEM. NEXT TO ORGANIZATI ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUE. JAZAIRY BELIEVES "SUCCESSFUL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCLUSION" TO TRANSFER OF RESOURCES ISSUE IS CRUCIAL TO

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SUCCESS OF MEETING. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN AT SEVERITY OF COMMENTS ON HIS TEXT, WHICH HE CLAIMED "EXCEEDED RESERVATIONS ON EARLIER TEXT." WHILE USYG RIPERT'S OFFICE IS PREPARING A "SYNOPSIS" OF THESE RESPONSES AND OTHER PAPERS ON TOR AT JAZAIRY'S REQUEST, CHAIRMAN DOES NOT INTEND TO DRAFT NEW PAPER. IMPRESSION GAINED BY COUNT YORK WAS THAT JAZAIRY'S HOPE WAS THAT AFTER WEST AND G-77 HAD EXCHANGED VOLLEYS, A CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED CLOSE TO LINES OF HIS TEXT. MISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL DADZIE HAS ENTERED PLAY WITH MISSION TO "SOFTEN-UP 77" FOR A COMPROMISE. ORGANIZATIONALLY, JAZAIRY'S PLAN IS TO SHIFT FROM FORMAL DEBATE TO "FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" CONTEXT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON SEPT 5, AND TO FORCE A CONCLUSION ON SEPT 6, EVEN IF A NIGHT MEETING IS REQUIRED.

4. SEPTEMBER AGENDA. G-77 ARE STILL DISCUSSING INDUSTRIALIZATION ITEM, WITH ALGERIA STILL PUSHING FOR A LIMITED LIST OF TOPICS. ACCORDING TO YORK, JAZAIRY SEES THIS ISSUE AS LENDING ITSELF TO TWO-PHASE APPROACH. ON FOOD ITEM, IT APPEARS RELATIVELY LITTLE IS FORESEEN BY JAZAIRY BEYOND ENDORSEMENT OF WFC REPORT. ON LEAST DEVELOPED, JAZAIRY SEEMS WILLING TO DEFER TO UNCTAD, AND IN VIEW OF DISCUSSION UNDER WAY IN TBD HR MAY EVEN BE WILLING TO POSTPONE ISSUE. ORGANIZATIONALLY, JAZAIRY PREFERS PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS ON FOOD AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. HE ASSUMES, AS DO OTHERS WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH, THAT US WILL HAVE PROPOSALS ON FOOD ITEM.

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5. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION. THERE IS LITTLE HARD NEWS OF HIGH-LEVEL LDC REPRESENTATION AS YET. JAZAIRY TOLD US HE SENT ANOTHER CABLE URGING THIS TO ALL LDC CAPITALS, BUT HAD ONLY RECEIVED (AS OF AUGUST 28) REPLIES FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND PERU, BOTH INDICATING LOCAL AMBASSADORS WOULD HEAD DELEGATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, VENEZUELANS TELL US PEREZ-GUERRERO WILL ATTEND FULL SESSION. WE UNDERSTAND JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON WILL ATTEND FOR UNSPECIFIED PERIOD. (KINGSTON MIGHT CONFIRM.) AMONG WESTERN COUNTRIES, WE KNOW OF NO HIGHEST LEVEL DELEGATES PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN FIRST DAYS: FRG (PROBABLY FRAU STEEG); JAPAN (MIYAZAKI); CANADA (JOHNSTONE) ARE LIKELY TO ARRIVE IN SECOND WEEK; JUDD OF UK IS UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND AT ALL (DEREK THOMAS WILL BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT). LEONARD

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